

TO VIEW ECLIPSE

Prof. W. W. Campbell and
Party on S. S. China.

Sent Out From Lick Observatory.
Will Visit Interior India.

It is just about two years ago that the yacht Coronet came into the harbor with the Amherst astronomical party, headed by Professor Todd, en route to Japan to take an observation of the eclipse of the sun. At the same time there were gathering at various points within a distance of a hundred or more miles expeditions from various colleges and observatories in the United States, England and France.

The expenses of the Amherst party were borne by A. C. James, on whose yacht they came, and it was no inconsiderable sum. On the steamship Chi-



PROF. W. W. CAMPBELL.

na, now in port is another party, though a small one, bound for India, in charge of Professor Campbell of Lick University, with the same object in view. These expeditions are made once in two years; sometimes the result is satisfactory, and again it is not. In Japan the observation was a failure, owing to cloudy weather, but in India the chances of success are greater, owing to the percentage of clear days. Professor Campbell was seen by a reporter for the Advertiser and questioned regarding his trip. Asked regarding his destination he said:

"We go direct to Bombay, making direct connection at Hong Kong with a P. & O. steamer, and it is so arranged that we will make but one transfer before reaching Bombay. From that point we journey to the interior about 200 miles. There we will find the very best location for an observation. Our party is a small one, consisting of my wife and Miss Beans, an amateur astronomer of San Jose. When we reach our destination I will require several assistants, and these I will procure from the nearest British garrison."

"Oh, no; I do not apprehend any personal danger. If I find there is danger I will apply to the commandant of the nearest garrison for an escort. We have with us several tons of apparatus, including 250 pounds of photographic plates. Through the kindness of the officers of the China the plates have been stored in the baggage room, where there is no danger of their being broken through the motion of the vessel. We have five spectrometers and four cameras for the purpose of photographing the corona. The longest of these is 40 feet and the shortest one foot. With the longest I expect to secure an image of the corona 13 1/2 inches. The course of the shadow will be across Africa, over the Indian Ocean, passing over India and ending in China somewhere about Mongolia."

"This expedition of ours is in the interest of science and for the benefit of Lick Observatory was arranged and the money provided by the late Charles F. Crocker a short time before his death. He took a great interest in the observatory, and during his life assisted it in many ways. This is my first expedition, and naturally I am concerned in the result. The failure of the Japan party was due entirely to climatic conditions. The chances for cloudy weather in Japan at this season are about nine out of ten. In India it is about one in ten, so that we are nearly certain of success. The eclipse will occur January 23d next, and after it is taken we will continue our journey around the world, visiting all the leading observatories before getting back to San Jose."

"We regret the storm of this afternoon because we had arranged a program for the day; now we will have to crowd the events into the space of tomorrow."

Professor Campbell has been at Lick Observatory for the past six years, and is now second in charge. This is the fourth expedition sent out under the auspices of Lick.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of Board of Directors of Woman's Exchange.

Following is the substance of the last annual report of the Board of Directors, made by Mrs. Gullick, the secretary:

The last annual report of the Woman's Exchange left the Board of Directors struggling with the problem of how to meet the expenses of the Exchange by the aid of a lunch room. The Exchange was affording work to

a number of women, but the patronage was not sufficient to meet the necessary expenses. The income from the lunch room, though small, helped to meet the deficiency. Many committee meetings were held, in which the question of greater economy in the conduct of the lunch room was gravely discussed, and the decisions arrived at were carried out as far as possible; but, still, even with the help of some rental from offices, the small reserve fund was fast growing smaller in the effort to make ends meet. What could be done? To give up the Exchange was not to be thought of.

In December, a lady who was in the curio business, gave it up, and put her goods into the Exchange to be sold on commission. At the same time, it was decided that after the 1st of January 15 per cent should be charged on goods, instead of 10, as hitherto. These two circumstances, a few New Year's gifts and some reduction in the rent, gave new life to the Exchange. The monthly balance-sheet for January and February looked more encouraging. In March the receipts of the lunch room were found to have fallen behind, and Miss Crocker, who had done faithful service in it, gave notice that she would leave for the States during April. Miss Oliver's time was all required in the Exchange, and it was decided that we must give up running the lunch room ourselves, and if no one could be found to take it, it should be closed the 1st of April. It was accordingly closed at that time. During March, April, May and June the Directors met frequently to consider propositions for renting the lunch room. For various reasons, among others, the fact that no liquor could be used on the premises, these propositions failed to come to a successful issue. At length, during June, arrangements were completed for renting the lunch room and kitchen and selling the furniture and crockery to a gentleman who had been renting an office in the building. He took it from the 1st of July, and the arrangement has proved very satisfactory. It is still a pleasant family lunch room, patronized by many of the former patrons of the Exchange lunch room.

Since January the business of the Exchange has gradually increased. An advertisement has been for some time in the Advertiser, and is now in the Star also. Pretty advertising cards have been printed, and are distributed on the foreign steamers arriving in the harbor. Tourists are dropping in and leaving substantial tokens of their visits in the coffers of the Exchange.

The variety and beauty of the articles is noticeable, and the numbers of depositors is increasing, the present number being 50, most of them Hawaiian women. During the year closing last June \$1,778 had been paid by the Exchange to depositors.

Miss Oliver has continued in charge of the Exchange during the year, and its present degree of prosperity is due largely to her untiring efforts in its behalf. Her courage and faith in its ultimate success have never failed. The rent of the lunch room helps to pay the rent of the building, and it is a great relief to the Directors to know that for a few months past the receipts have equalled the expenditures.

But trade in the Exchange is variable. We do not know at the end of one month how the next will find us financially, so while grateful for the present encouraging aspect of affairs, we would still beg the ladies to give to the Exchange their help and patronage.

The latest project is to get out an illustrated calendar for next year, the heading on each of the 12 pages to be a print of some Hawaiian view. The price will be 25 cents, and we trust all of our friends will buy for themselves and to send to their friends abroad as a souvenir of the Islands.

A small number of almanacs are to be got out in a more expensive form, a few small paintings being substituted for the printed pictures, and these will be sold, of course, at an advanced price.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. GULLICK,
Secretary.

CASE OF SUICIDE.

A Young Lady of Kona Ends Her Life With a Rope.

News was received Tuesday of the suicide of Miss Ackerman at Kaunaloa a day or two before the departure of the Manna Loa. Deceased was a niece of J. D. Ackerman, the wealthy coffee planter of Kealahou, and had been making her home with his family since her arrival from the East about a year ago.

The young lady was only 20 years of age and was of a sunny disposition. On Saturday she left the family and went to her room for some purpose, and as she did not return for some time, a member of the family went in to look for her, and found her hanging by a rope fastened to a peg in the wall. She did not leave any letters, and it was impossible for any one to assign a cause for her act. Her relations with her relatives were cordial, and she seemed perfectly happy in her surroundings. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide by hanging.

A TRIFLE MIXED

James Pickens Not a Hawaiian Official.

A dispatch from New York says that James Pickens, who described himself as "the Secretary of the Hawaiian Legation in New York," and who said he lived at No. 124 West Twenty-fourth street, was a prisoner in the Jefferson Market Police Court recently, charged by Policeman Allen with disorderly conduct.

Allen said he saw the prisoner at Thirtieth street and Sixth avenue late at night talking to several women. The policeman told him to "move on," whereupon Pickens, according to the policeman's story, became abusive and refused to leave. Allen then arrested him and locked him up at the West Thirtieth street station.

Pickens told the Magistrate he was talking to two women and a man whom he knows, when Allen came along, and

brushing against him, ordered him away. He replied that he was committing no offense and refused to move, whereupon the policeman placed him under arrest.

Magistrate Hedges fined him \$3. The Hawaiian Legation is at Washington. The Hawaiian Consulate in New York has no secretary. Pickens' name does not appear in the City Directory.

It was found, on investigation, that the address given by Pickens was fictitious. No. 124 West Twenty-fourth street is a factory in which no one lives. He is entirely unknown in the neighborhood.

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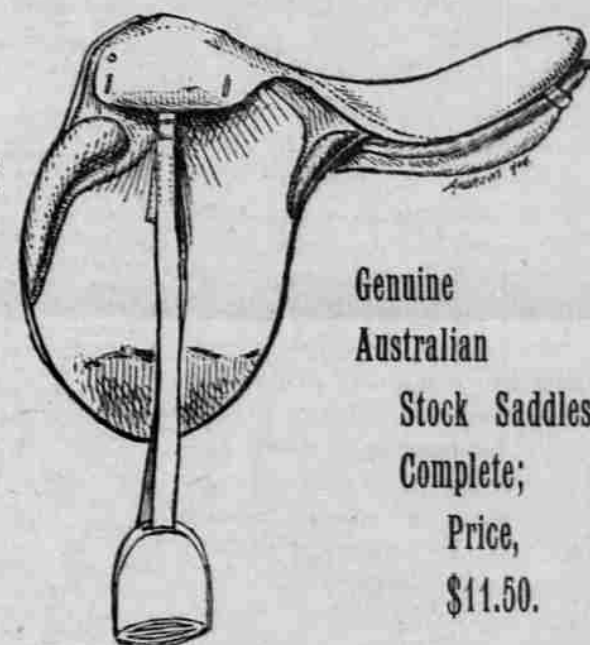
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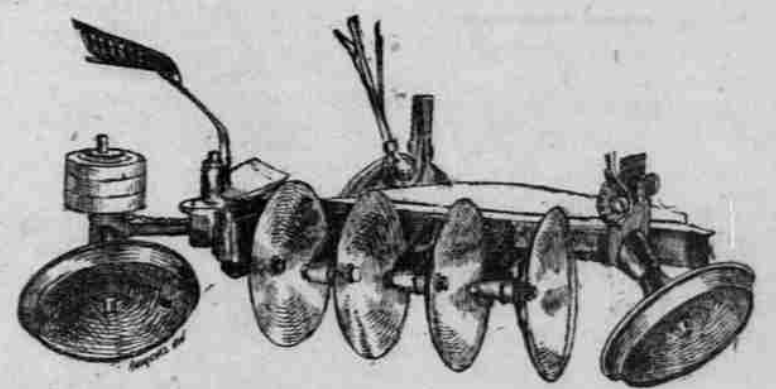
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